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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS USING
VERTICAL MAGNETIC STIRRING TO
PRODUCE TURBULENT AND CHAOTIC
MIXING IN VARIOUS STATES, WITHOUT
COMPROMISING COMPONENTS

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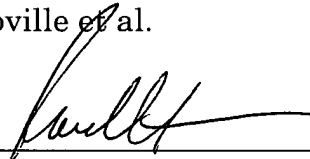
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Respectfully submitted,

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